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SHPO Website Survey

Please take a few minutes to fill out a short online survey about our website to help us improve it and serve you better. Here's the link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7CN39NZ>.

Thanks!

Fall SHPO Workshops

Working with Section 106 in South Carolina, October 21 from 9 to 3 in Columbia. There's still time to register for this **free** workshop. On the agenda are a review of the Section 106 process including a revised Project Review Form, recent past resources, vernacular and rural landscapes, and public outreach and archaeology. An afternoon site visit to the Columbia Canal will highlight examples of recent 106 projects. To register, email Caroline Dover Wilson at cwilson@scdah.state.sc.us. The agenda is at <http://shpo.sc.gov> under "Upcoming Events".

Historic Preservation 101, November 9 at the Archives and History Center in Columbia. This workshop will introduce you to SHPO programs that help document and protect historic properties – National Register of Historic Places, State Historical Markers, Certified Local Government program, grants, and tax incentives. The agenda is at www.shpo.sc.gov under “Upcoming Events”. Cost for the workshop is \$20.00 and includes lunch and handouts. For more information contact Jennifer Satterthwaite at 803-896-6171 or jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us.

We Need You! Be a Presenter at the 2011 Preservation Conference

We are accepting proposals for educational sessions for the 2011 Preservation Conference, to be held in Columbia March 31 – April 1. See the “Call for Proposals” on the website <http://shpo.sc.gov/conf/landpconference/>. Sessions can range from introductory topics to cutting edge innovations, from research topics to preservation success stories. **Proposals are due by November 12, 2010.** For more information contact Jennifer Satterthwaite at 803-896-6171, jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us.

State Board of Review to Meet November 19

The South Carolina State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places will meet on Friday, November 19 at 10:30 a.m. at the Archives and History Center. The Board will consider the following nominations to the National Register:

- Wade Glover House (Oaklands), Beech Island, Aiken County
- Combahee Ferry Historic District, Gardens Corner vicinity, Beaufort and Colleton Counties
- Greer Post Office, Greenville County
- Columbia Electric Street Railway and Light Company Substation, Richland County
- Nathaniel Gist House, Union County

The public is welcome to attend the meeting. For more information, contact Andy Chandler at chandler@scdah.state.sc.us or 803-896-6179.

Did You Know ... About Tax Incentives

The State Historic Preservation Office plays important review roles in tax incentive programs that can benefit owners of historic properties undertaking rehabilitation projects.

The **20% federal income tax credit program** encourages property owners to rehabilitate historic buildings for modern **income-producing uses** while preserving their historic character. The SHPO helps property owners qualify for the credit in partnership with the National Park Service and IRS. These projects also qualify for a 10% state income tax credit.

- In the past ten years, over **\$236 million** has been invested in historic buildings all across South Carolina through this program. These recycled buildings contribute to the revitalization of communities across South Carolina providing housing, office and retail space, and adding value to local tax rolls. Nationally, the tax credit has spurred \$85 billion in investments since its creation in 1976, and created 1.8 million jobs.

The **State Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit** provides an economic incentive for **homeowners** to preserve the unique characteristics of their historic homes. Historic homes and districts tend to have stable real estate values, and the 25% state income tax credit helps homeowners to maintain the historic character and importance of their home. The SHPO administers this program in conjunction with the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

- Since the tax credit took effect in 2003, over **\$29 million** has been invested in historic homes and neighborhoods, supporting construction and small businesses. Homeowners have participated across the state, from houses in Charleston's Historic District to farmsteads in rural Marlboro County, to bungalows in the Cottontown Historic District in Columbia and Converse Heights Historic District in Spartanburg.

To learn more about these programs and other tax incentives such as the local property tax special assessment and textile mill incentives, see <http://shpo.sc.gov/grants/overview/>.

Fountain Inn Receives Preserve America Grant

Congratulations to the City of Fountain Inn, recipient of a \$34,000 Preserve America Grant for the Fountain Inn Oral History Project: Heritage Tourism & Downtown Revitalization. The City will compile oral histories that will be presented at the historic downtown's new Heritage Center. The Heritage Center focuses on six major themes: Native and African-American experience, veterans' stories of past wars, mill life, impact of the railroad and highway, significance of agriculture, and the significance of historic downtown and residential structures.

Back to Basics: A Report on Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

The National Trust for Historic Preservation recently completed a report, "Section 106 of the National Preservation Act: Back to Basics." It is the first comprehensive review of federal compliance with Section 106 in recent years. The report is online at <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/legal-resources/understanding-preservation-law/federal-law/section-106/back-to-basics.html>.

Preserve America Stewards

December 1 is the next quarterly deadline for submitting applications to the Preserve America Stewards program, which recognizes organizations and agencies that successfully use volunteers to help care for historic properties. Preserve America Stewards receive a designation letter and certificate of recognition signed by First Lady Michelle Obama. Check out this website <http://www.preserveamerica.gov/stewards.html> or contact Druscilla Null at 202-606-8532, dnull@achp.gov.

Session Proposals for National Conference

The American Association for State and Local History is now accepting session proposals for the 2011 conference, which will be held in Richmond, Virginia, September 14-17, 2011. More information is available at <http://www.aaslh.org/am2011.htm>. Proposals are due November 17, 2010.

Conferences/Workshops/Events

Heritage Corridor Workshops, Fall 2010. Workshops are held at locations throughout the Corridor. Remaining workshops focus on marketing and public relations. Participants from outside the Heritage Corridor are welcome to attend. See http://www.sc-heritagecorridor.org/for_our_partners/training_opportunities/.

Working with Section 106 in South Carolina, October 21, 2010, Archives and History Center, Columbia. The workshop will include a review of the Section 106 process, information about recent past resources, vernacular and rural landscapes, and public outreach and archaeology. An afternoon site visit will highlight examples of recent 106 projects. The workshop is **free**, pre-registration is requested. To register contact Caroline Dover Wilson at cwilson@scdah.state.sc.us. See the agenda at <http://shpo.sc.gov> under "Upcoming Events".

National Preservation Conference, October 27 - 30, 2010 in Austin, TX. For more information visit <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/>.

Historic Preservation 101, November 9, 2010, Archives and History Center, Columbia. This workshop will include presentations about the National Register of Historic Places, historical markers, tax credits, grants and more. For more information contact Jennifer Satterthwaite at 803-896-6171, jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us. See the registration form at <http://shpo.sc.gov> under "Upcoming Events".

NEW The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act at 20: Conversations about the Past, Present, and Future of NAGPRA, November 15 - 16, 2010, Washington DC. For more information see http://www.nps.gov/history/nagpra/TRAINING/NAGPRA_at_20.html.

Historic Tree Preservation Workshop, November 30 - December 2, 2010 in Fredericksburg, VA. Sponsored by the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training and Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation, the workshop features presentations and hands-on field sessions. For a link to the agenda and registration information see <http://www.ncptt.nps.gov/training/>.

Section 106: Agreement Documents, December 7 - 9, 2010 in Atlanta, GA. This advanced seminar from the National Preservation Institute focuses on memoranda of agreement and programmatic agreements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. For a detailed agenda and registration information go to www.npi.org.

South Carolina African American Heritage Commission Annual Meeting and Awards, January 28, 2011, Archives and History Center, Columbia.

Grant Application Deadlines

NEW November 15, 2010: IMLS Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries and Museums are a new IMLS funding opportunity. These grants encourage libraries, archives, and museums to challenge existing assumptions about how they operate and the services they provide. More information is online at <http://www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/SparksIgnition.shtm>.

NEW December 2010: Conservation Assessment Program. Museums with small to mid-sized collections are eligible to receive professional assessments of the museum's collection and environmental conditions. Museums with buildings more than 50 years old may receive the services of an architectural assessor. The services are available to eligible museums on a first come, first served basis. More information is online at www.heritagepreservation.org/cap/.

NEW January 5 & 19, 2011: The Humanities Council of South Carolina Major Grants. Major Grants are for public humanities programs that are large in scale. Awards are in sums between \$1,500 and \$8,000. Preliminary drafts are

due January 5, and final drafts are due January 19. For more information about grants contact T. J. Wallace at tjwallace@schumanities.org or 803-771-2477, or visit the website: <http://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply>.

NEW January 13, 2011: Battlefield Project Grants, American Battlefield Protection Program of the National Park Service. These grants provide seed money for projects that lead directly to the identification, preservation and interpretation of battlefield land and/or historic sites associated with battlefields. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$80,000. Eligible applicants are non-profit groups, academic institutions, other private sector organizations, and local, regional, state, and tribal governments. For more information go to <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/abpp/grants/battlefieldgrants/2011grants.htm>.

February 1, 2011: Federal Historic Preservation Grants: Administered by the SHPO, these grants can assist two types of projects: (1) Survey and Planning Projects—eligible projects include surveys of historic properties, National Register nominations, preservation education, and preservation planning; (2) Stabilization Projects—eligible projects include stabilizing historic buildings or protecting historic buildings from the adverse effects of the weather. Projects must be located within cities, towns, and counties that are Certified Local Governments (CLGs). (See the list of South Carolina CLGs at <http://shpo.sc.gov/programs/localgovt/certified.htm>) Grant awards generally range from \$1,500 to \$25,000. The 2011 application is online at <http://shpo.sc.gov/grants/preservationgrants/>.

NEW February 1, 2011: Preservation Services Fund Grants: Administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, these grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for preservation planning and education efforts. Grant awards range from \$500 to \$5,000. For more information, contact the Southern Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation at 843-722-8552 or soro@nthp.org and the National Trust website at <http://www.nationaltrust.org/help/grants.html>.

Information about other grants is available on the Archives and History website at <http://shpo.sc.gov/grants/otherincentives/>.

The Preservation Directory.com also offers a guide to grants and funding sources <http://www.preservationdirectory.com/PreservationGeneralResources/GrantsFundingSources.aspx>.

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